

O-0421
DIRECT TEAM ACTIONS ON LOCATING A CLUE

CONDITIONS

You are leading a search team moving when a team member discovers the possible search clue.

OBJECTIVES

Direct your team through the necessary actions to protect the clue, and search the immediate area for additional clues.

TRAINING AND EVALUATION

Training Outline

1. When a team member discovers a possible clue, the team leader must direct the team actions properly in order to prevent the clue from being disturbed, preventing destruction of other possible clues in the area, find any other clues in the area, and report the information to mission base.
2. When a team member spots a clue, they will halt the team and alert the team leader. The team leader should then:
 - a. Ensure the team is halted.
 - b. Move to the team member who found the clue.
 - c. Survey the immediate area for safety hazards such as falling debris, rotting tree limbs, pits and holes, etc., and for other clues in the immediate area.
 - d. Protect the clue: Have a team member mark off the immediate area with flagging tape. Neither the team leader nor members should actually touch nor disturb the clue. This will allow man-trackers, dog teams, etc. to work with an undisturbed source.
 - e. Search the immediate area. Based on the initial survey, search the area around the clue in order to detect any other possible clues in the area. Search carefully, because the objective is to find other clues without significantly disturbing the area. If necessary, call other team members over to assist. Ensure they know of any safety hazards, and where the clue(s) are (so they do not disturb them). Usually the best plan is to have two or three experienced people sweep the area around the clue location while the rest of the team remains off to the side.
 - f. Report the clue to mission base. Follow any instructions they give you.
 - g. On a high visibility marker by the clue, record the time, date, and clue number (based upon a standard issue log). In the team log, record the time, date, clue number, location, and description of the clue.
 - h. Do not leave the area until directed by mission base.

Additional Information

More detailed information on this topic is available in Chapters 7 and 15 of the Ground Team Member and Leader Reference Text.

Evaluation Preparation

Setup: Pick a piece of terrain and put a clue (article of clothing, piece of aircraft debris, etc.) on the ground. Ensure the team leader has his field gear. Place the team leader at least 20 yards from the clue. Position yourself at the clue. (As an option, you can place another clue nearby to be found in the subsequent search of the area.)

Brief Team Leader: Brief the ground team leader that he is leading a team on a search. Tell him that you will play the role of a team member who has just spotted a clue. Tell him to take all necessary actions. Finally, inform him that that you will also play the roles of all team members and mission base, if he wants to call them on the radio (simulate radio traffic).

Evaluation

<u>Performance measures</u>	<u>Results</u>	
1. Halts the team in place	P	F
2. Performs a survey of the immediate area.	P	F
3. Has a team member mark the clue	P	F
4. Doesn't disturb the clue, or allow anyone else to disturb it	P	F
5. Has team sweep area for additional clues	P	F
6. Reports the clue detection to mission base	P	F
7. Follows instructions for mission base	P	F
8. Does not leave the area until directed	P	F

Student must receive a pass on all performance measures to qualify in this task. If the individual fails any measure, show what was done wrong and how to do it correctly.